

# City of Rochester



**WHEREAS**, for more than 45 years, hospice care providers have helped provide comfort, dignity, and respect to all those they serve in communities across the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, hospice and palliative care professionals, including physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, social workers, chaplains, music, massage, and other therapists, bereavement counselors, health aides, and volunteers, provide comprehensive and compassionate care that place the wishes of each patient and family at the center of care; and

**WHEREAS**, over 1.5 million Medicare beneficiaries living with life-limiting illness, and their families, receive care from the nation's hospice programs through the Medicare hospice benefit every year in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, hospice and palliative care providers encourage all people to learn more about options of care and to share their wishes with family, loved ones, and their healthcare professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, 25 years ago on November 4, 1997, Seasons Hospice opened the first Medicare-certified, free-standing, residential hospice facility in Minnesota, providing a long-needed service to the Rochester community and surrounding region for individuals who required 24-hour care at the end of life.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Kim Norton, Mayor of the City of Rochester, do hereby proclaim November 2022 as

## **National Hospice and Palliative Care Month**

and encourage citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of care at the end of life, discuss their end of life wishes with their families, and observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the corporate seal of the City of Rochester to be affixed this 4th day of November, 2022.

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Kim Norton, Mayor  
City of Rochester, Minnesota